

Recommendations to the Security Council

AFGHANISTAN

Four parties are listed for violations including recruitment and use, killing and maiming and attacks on schools and hospitals. The Government concluded in 2011 an action plan to end and to prevent the recruitment and use of children by National Security Forces. The Security Council is expected to renew the mandate of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force ("ISAF"). The mandate of ISAF is due to expire in October. **The Security Council should:**

- Welcome the Government's endorsement of a **road map to accelerate action plan compliance**;
- Welcome efforts by ISAF to implement Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) and encourage **ISAF to prioritize sustainable implementation of resolution 1612**, including full implementation of the action plan, in its support to the development of the Afghan National Security Forces;
- Urge governments engaged in supporting and training the **Afghan Local Police** to take measures to put an end to and to prevent the recruitment and use of children;
- Call on ISAF to integrate child impact assessments in security evaluations of the potential **use of schools as polling centers**.

AUSTRALIA IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON AFGHANISTAN.

MALI

Three parties are listed both for recruitment and use and for rape and other forms of sexual violence. The National Army of Chad, listed for recruitment and use, is participating in the UN Stabilization Mission in Mali ("MINUSMA"). **Council Members should:**

- Request detailed information from the Secretary-General on the **vetting of all MINUSMA troops** and **training of all troops** in international humanitarian and human rights law related to children;
- Insist that the continued participation of the **Chadian National Army** in MINUSMA be conditioned on full-compliance with time-bound benchmarks set by the Secretariat for preventing and ending child recruitment;
- Urge the Secretary-General to prioritize the establishment and operationalization of the **Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism**;
- Request the Secretary-General to ensure the deployment of a sufficient number of **Child Protection Advisors** (19 or more) throughout the country;
- Call on all parties to ensure that **peace or reconciliation discussions systematically incorporate child protection** concerns and the needs and views of children including: the cessation and prevention of violations against children; demobilization, rehabilitation and reintegration of recruited children; and accountability for perpetrators of grave violations against children.

FRANCE IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON MALI.

SOMALIA

The Somali National Armed Forces and Al-Shabaab are both listed for the recruitment and use of children and for killing and maiming. The Government concluded action plans in 2012 to end and to prevent violations by the Armed Forces. The Security Council is expected to renew the mandate of the sanctions Monitoring Group. **The Security Council should:**

- Request the Special Representative of the Secretary –General for Children and Armed Conflict and the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) proactively to **share information with the Sanctions Committee and Monitoring Group** on those responsible for grave violations against children;
- Request the Monitoring Group to **investigate grave violations against children and to recommend appropriate further measures to the Sanctions Committee** including the designation of additional individuals or entities and the incorporation of grave violations against children in narrative summaries for individuals and entities already subject to targeted measures; ▶

Situations before the Council involving parties listed for grave violations against children:

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SOMALIA (cont'd)

- Call on all parties to allow the **unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance** and encourage the Sanctions Committee and Monitoring Group to pay particular attention to the denial of humanitarian assistance.

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SUDAN (DARFUR)

9 parties, including both Government forces and non-state actors, are listed for recruitment and use of children in Sudan. The Secretary-General is expected to submit a quarterly report on the African Union – United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID). **Council members should:**

- Call on those parties that have signed action plans to **ensure the timely implementation of these action plans**;
- Encourage the Government of Sudan and the United Nations to **enhance efforts to conclude negotiations on an action plan** covering all Government forces;
- Call on all parties to ensure that **peace or reconciliation discussions systematically incorporate child protection** concerns including: the cessation and prevention of violations against children; demobilization, rehabilitation and reintegration, of recruited children; and accountability for perpetrators of grave violations against children;
- Call on the Government of Sudan and all UN Member States to provide **full cooperation to the International Criminal Court** including in the arrest and surrender of suspects.

UNITED KINGDOM IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON DARFUR.

Recommendations to the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

YEMEN

The Secretary-General's report was published on 28 June 2013. Three parties, including state and non-state actors are listed for recruitment and use of children. In its conclusions, the Working Group should:

- Encourage the **Government and the United Nations swiftly to conclude the action plan**;
- Encourage the SRSB-CAC and the Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Yemen to enhance **dialogue with the Al-Houthi armed group on developing an action plan**;
- Call on **donors engaged in military assistance programs, security sector reform and peacebuilding** to support measures to prevent child recruitment and use, including strengthening recruitment procedures, age verification mechanisms, independent oversight of the armed forces and accountability measures.

For more detailed recommendations, see Watchlist's Monthly Update for August.

PHILIPPINES

The Secretary-General's report was published on 12 July 2013. Three non-state armed groups are listed for the recruitment and use of children. The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) concluded an action plan in 2009, but the plan expired before being fully implemented. In its conclusions, the Working Group should:

- Call on the Government of the Philippines and the MILF to ensure that **child protection concerns are fully integrated in ongoing peace negotiations**;
- Welcome the signing of an extension to the **MILF action plan** and call for its swift and full implementation;
- Urge the Government of the Philippines and the MILF to **end the military use of schools**, including through appropriate orders, planning and training.
- For more detailed recommendations, see Watchlist's Monthly Update for August.

Presidency of the Security Council for October: Azerbaijan

- Party to Geneva Convention IV, Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol, ILO Convention 182.
- Not yet a party to Additional Protocols I and II or the Rome Statute of the ICC. Has not endorsed the Paris Commitments.

NGO resources

- Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, *Where Are They...?, The Situation of Children and Armed Conflict in Mali*, June 2013



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